

DEAD OR ALIVE - PART 1

ROMANS 6:1-5

4/27/25

I. OBJECTION TO PAUL'S TEACHING

Romans 6:1 - "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?"

A. More sin = More grace = More glory for God

Romans 3:7-8 - "But if through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? ⁸ And why not do evil that good may come? - as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just."

- Rooted in Antinomianism (No law)

II. ANSWER TO THE OBJECTION

A. We are dead to sin

Romans 6:2 - "By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?"

1. We are not free from sin
2. We are dead to sins penalty - Justification
3. We are dead to sins power – Sanctification

Philippians 1:6 - "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ"

B. We identify with Christ

Romans 6:3-4 - "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

1. Method of identification is Baptism
 - Identify with His death
 - Identify with His resurrection

C. Connection to Christ means hope

Romans 6:5 - "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his."

Galatians 2:20 - "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one thing that stood out to you or challenged your thinking in the message this week?
2. How do you personally encourage yourself to die to your sin on a daily basis? Why is this an important thing to do daily?
3. How could living a life that is dead to sin create opportunities to share the Gospel?
4. Why is it important to understand that our sanctification is progressive? What tools do we have to encourage our growth in sanctification?
5. Why is it important for us to remember our identity in Christ when it comes to sanctification?
6. Why would it be important for a believer to be obedient in baptism according to Paul in this passage?
7. How does the picture of baptism give us hope?
8. What is one thing from the group or the message this week that you want to live out? How can the group help you with that?